(c) the number of candidates who appeared for personal interviews; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter in view of the mental tension being faced by the candidates due to delay in declaration of final result?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In the wake of intense competition faced by both Indian Airlines and Air India from private and international operators and the felt need to upgrade the quality of cabin crew particularly at the induction stage, a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Managing Director, Indian Airlines to recommend suitable changes in the pre-entry qualifications and methodology of recruitment to ensure induction of more suitable personnel. The Committee has since submitted its recommendations, which have been forwarded to Air India and Indian Airlines for consideration of their respective Boards of Directors.

(c) and (d) 786 boys and 1441 girls were short-listed for personal interview. In view of the recommendation of the Committee, it has been decided that no further action be taken on the selection process conducted in 1994 but some vacancies may be filled up from among the candidates after following the recommended selection procedures.

Projects/schemes for development of Tourism in Assam

2303. SHRI JALAUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether projects/schemes sanctioned by Central Department of Tourism for development of tourist facilities in Assam during last five years have been completed/implemented by State Government, if so, names thereof;

(b) names of remaining projects/schemes yet to be completed/implemented;

(c) whether funds sanctioned by CDOT for said projects have been released to State Government, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether CDOT has sanctioned any fresh projects/schemes for Assam and Arunachal Pradesh in 1994-95 and 1995-96, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether CDOT proposes to sanction a Tourist Lodge at Dibrugarh, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Based on the proposals received from the State Govt. of Assam, Central Department of Tourism sanctioned twenty nine projects/schemes for development of tourism in Assam during the last five years. Government of Assam has reported that eight schemes have been completed and rest of the schemes are under various stages of execution. The details of the projects completed and on going are given in the enclosed statements I & II. (*See* below).

(c) The Central Department of Tourism releases 50% of the sanctioned amount for each of the project as first instalment and on receipt of utilisation certificate and work progress report, subsequent instalments of funds are released to State Governments.

(d) On the basis of the proposals received from the Govt. of Assam, Union Government sanctioned two projects namely:—

Tourist Complex at Halflong for Rs. 27.79 lakhs and Tourist Complex at Rajiv Gandhi Wild Life Sanctuary, Orang for Rs. 25.20 lakhs during 1994-95. No proposal was received from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh seeking central assistance during 1994-95. State Governments of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have not sent any proposal for central financial assistance during the current year i.e. 1995-96.

(e) No proposal has been received from the Government of Assam seeking central assistance for construction of Tourist lodge at Dibrugarh.

Statement-I

Projects/Schemes Reported to have been under various stages of execution by Assam State Government

Sl. No.	Name of the project/scheme	Year of sanction	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount released
1.	Tourist lodge at Kaziranga	1990-91	14.81	13.50
2.	Tourist facilities at Hot Spring Garampani	1991-92	15.62	8.00
3.	Wayside facilities at Jakhalbanda	1991-92	16.50	15.00
4.	Wayside facilities at Bokakhat	1991-92	10.00	5.00
5.	Wayside facilities at Moran	1991-92	10.00	5.00
6.	Wayside facilities at Biswanath Charali	1991-92	10.00	9.00
7.	Wayside facilities at Jagiroad	1991-92	10.05	9.05
8.	Restaurant/Waiting Hall at Chandubi	1991-92	10.04	5.00
9.	Yatri Niwas at Guwahati	1991-92	49.32	20.00
10.	Pilgrim cottages at Kamakhya	1992-93	27.09	14.00
11.	Tourist lodge at Bardaloni Bird Sanctuary	1992-93	14.00	13.00
12.	Wayside facilities at Kalain	1992-93	11.73	5.00
13.	Purchase of angling equipment	1992-93	4.40	2.00
14.	Water sports equipment for Dighul, Pukri and Sib Sagar	1992-93	5.56	2.00
15.	Tented accommodation	1992-93	15.88	7.94
16.	Tourist Cottages at Hajo	1993-94	24.35	12.00
17.	Tourist resort at Biswanath Ghat	1993-94	15.45	8.00
18.	Tourist lodge at Tinsukhia	1993-94	23.54	2.00
19.	Tented accommodation at Kaziranga, Manas and Bholukpang Umronse	1993-94	14.77	6.83
20.	Tourist complex at Halflong	1994-95	27.79	14.00
21.	Tourist complex at Rajiv Gandhi Wild life sanctuary Orang	—do—	25.20	13.00
	Total		356.10	189.32

Statement-II

Projects/Schemes Reported to have been completed by the State Government of Assam

Sl. No.	Name of the project/scheme	Year of sanction	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount released
1.	Trekking equipment for Braulch Hills	1990-91	7.86	3.00
2.	PurchaseofWatersportsequipmentforChandubiLake	1991-92	5.00	4.50
3.	Rock climbing equipment	1991-92	3.92	3.00
4.	Para Sailing equipment	1991-92	7.54	7.00
5.	Mountain bikes	1991-92	6.80	5.47
6.	Upgradation of tourist lodge at Kaziranga	1991-92	4.20	2.00
7.	Upgradation of facilities at Guwahati	1991-92	12.91	6.00
8.	Purchase of Gypsy and Canter Mini bus	1991-92	2.89	2.00
	Total		51.12	32.97